

Information from the Commission for Counteracting Corruption (CCC) on verified declarations of public officials

The Commission for Counteracting Corruption (CCC) carries out a full and comprehensive verification of each submitted declaration of assets and interests. In 2025, the CCC continued the acceptance and verification of declarations of assets and interests submitted by persons holding public office.

In this regard, in 2025 a total of 17,489 declarations were submitted to the CCC, including 14,808 annual declarations of assets and interests for the previous year, 1,441 initial declarations, and 1,240 final declarations of assets and interests. As a result of the verification carried out on 14,656 annual declarations of assets and interests submitted in 2024, relating to the calendar year 2023, it was established that for 6,520 obligated persons the verification was completed with a finding of discrepancy. Furthermore, upon verification of 2,986 final declarations of assets and interests and 154 initial and final declarations of assets and interests submitted by obligated persons in the period from 06.10.2023 to 31.12.2023, it was established that for 1,934 obligated persons the verification was completed with a finding of discrepancy. In implementation of the law, the CCC notifies each of the persons of the established discrepancy, and in 2025 a total of 8,454 letters were prepared and sent for the elimination of established discrepancies in the declarations of assets and interests submitted by obligated persons under the Anti-Corruption Act (ACA). A total of 5,925 declarations under Article 61, paragraph 1 of the ACA were accepted and processed, through which omissions and errors in the annual declarations of assets and interests submitted in 2024 were remedied.

In 2025, verifications were initiated of 14,808 annual declarations of assets and interests relating to the calendar year 2024, and the verification of 8,978 initial declarations submitted by obligated persons from the entry into force of the law until the end of 2023 continued. As regards the sanctioning activity of the CCC in 2025, a total of 928 administrative penal proceedings were initiated and 234 penalty decrees were issued.

In the “Conflict of Interest” Directorate, for the period from 01.01.2025 to 31.12.2025, a total of 410 signals were received under Article 63 of the ACA in conjunction with Article 15, paragraph 2 of the Act on the Protection of Persons Reporting or Publicly Disclosing Information on Breaches, and the Commission adopted a total of 554 decisions in the “conflict of interest” segment, as follows:

In the admissibility phase, 386 decisions were adopted, including:

- 169 decisions to initiate conflict of interest proceedings, of which in 24 cases inspections under Article 13, paragraph 1, item 8 of the ACA were also initiated;
- 201 decisions establishing lack of grounds for initiating conflict of interest proceedings (due to anonymity; the person indicated as the reporter denies having submitted a signal to the Commission; the signals concern persons who do not hold a public office under Article 6, paragraph 1 of the ACA; irregularities in the signal were not remedied after due notification—no specific data on violations under Chapter Eight of the ACA were provided, etc.), including signals concerning persons under § 2 of the Additional

Provisions of the ACA, which were forwarded to the competent authorities responsible for election or appointment;

- 16 decisions initiating only inspections under Article 13, paragraph 1, item 8 of the ACA based on signals related to declarations of incompatibility of persons holding public office under Article 6, paragraph 1 of the ACA.

In the merits phase, 168 decisions were adopted, of which:

- 148 decisions, including 22 decisions in which 37 conflicts of interest were established, and 126 decisions in which no conflict of interest was established;
- 20 decisions on completed inspections under Article 13, paragraph 1, item 8 of the ACA, in which the Commission did not establish incompatibility of the persons concerned.

The decisions establishing a conflict of interest in the period from 01.01.2025 to 31.12.2025 concern persons holding public office as follows:

- under Article 6, paragraph 1, item 18 – 2 persons: 1 Executive Director of an Executive Agency and 1 Chairperson of a National Institute established by law;
- under Article 6, paragraph 1, item 23 – 1 Head of a Regional Directorate for National Construction Control;
- under Article 6, paragraph 1, item 32 of the ACA – a total of 13 persons: 4 mayors of municipalities, 8 municipal councillors, and 1 chief architect of a municipality;
- under Article 6, paragraph 1, item 46 – 1 Executive Director of a “Multiprofile Hospital for Active Treatment”.
- under Article 6, paragraph 1, item 50 – a total of 7 persons, of whom 2 persons are an executive director and a manager of commercial companies with state participation, and 5 are school principals, including principals of vocational secondary schools.

The CCC has also adopted 14 protocol decisions to notify the Commission for the Forfeiture of Illegally Acquired Property (CFIAP) for the initiation of an inspection under Chapter Ten, Article 108, paragraph 5 of the Act on the Forfeiture of Illegally Acquired Property, due to a conflict of interest established by a final act.

In 2025, the Commission imposed fines and ordered forfeiture in a total amount of BGN 296,733.25, in view of its administrative sanctioning functions related to established violations constituting a conflict of interest.

In the period from 01.01.2025 to 31.12.2025, the Supreme Administrative Court upheld 12 decisions of the Commission establishing a conflict of interest, overturned 4 decisions, and returned 2 decisions for reconsideration by a different panel of the court of first instance.

In 2025, the Commission for Counteracting Corruption, on the basis of Article 55 of the Anti-Corruption Act, adopted: 29 decisions to notify the CFIAP for the initiation of an

inspection under Chapter Ten, Article 108, paragraph 6 of the Act on the Forfeiture of Illegally Acquired Property in respect of persons who failed to submit the relevant declaration within the statutory deadline; 1 decision to notify the CFIAP for the initiation of an inspection under Chapter Ten, Article 108, paragraph 5 of the Act on the Forfeiture of Illegally Acquired Property in respect of persons who failed to submit the relevant corrective declaration within the statutory deadline and for whom the inspection was completed with a report establishing a discrepancy of not less than BGN 20,000; and 2 decisions to forward the materials from the conducted inspections to the National Revenue Agency for the undertaking of actions under the Tax and Social Security Procedure Code in respect of persons who failed to submit the relevant corrective declaration within the statutory deadline and for whom the inspection was completed with a report establishing a discrepancy of not less than BGN 5,000.

Specific statistical information on the results of the work carried out in the main areas of activity is contained in the annual activity report of the CCC, which is prepared each year by 31 March and published on the Commission's website.